

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Amendment dated 10/8/2007.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 12, 18, 19, 22-25, 28 and 29.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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- (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date 10/10/2007
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
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9. ☐ Other _____

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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT ✓

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Paul Gosnell on 10/23/2007.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the claims:

Claim 18: Replaced as follows:

--18. A printhead cartridge for an ink jet printer, comprising:

at least one ink reservoir; and

a printhead fluidly coupled to said at least one ink reservoir, said printhead

including:

a plurality of nozzles for ejecting ink;

a plurality of actuators associated with said plurality of nozzles;

an actuator firing logic circuit in communication with said plurality of actuators for selectively energizing said plurality of actuators; and

a decoder circuit in communication with said actuator firing logic circuit, said decoder circuit including at least one input for receiving at least one composite fire signal, wherein said at least one composite fire signal represents a plurality of fire signals, wherein each

fire signal of the plurality of fire signals is used to separately address a respective corresponding group of the plurality of nozzles;

wherein said at least one composite fire signal includes a plurality of color composite fire signals; and

wherein said plurality of color composite fire signals is associated with a plurality of ink colors.--

Claim 20: Cancelled

Claim 21: Cancelled

Claim 24: Replaced as follows:

-- 24. A printhead for an ink jet printer, comprising:

a plurality of nozzles for ejecting ink;

a plurality of actuators associated with said plurality of nozzles;

an actuator firing logic circuit in communication with said plurality of actuators for selectively energizing said plurality of actuators; and

a decoder circuit in communication with said actuator firing logic circuit, said decoder circuit including at least one input for receiving at least one composite fire signal, wherein said at least one composite fire signal represents a plurality of fire signals, and wherein each fire signal of the plurality of fire signals is used to separately address a respective corresponding group of the plurality of nozzles;

wherein said at least one composite fire signal includes a plurality of color composite fire signals; and

wherein said plurality of color composite fire signals is associated with a plurality of ink colors.--

Claim 26: Cancelled

Claim 27: Cancelled

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to LAM S. NGUYEN whose telephone number is (571)272-2151. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:00AM - 3:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, STEPHEN D. MEIER can be reached on (571)272-2149. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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